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Box No. II Priority

Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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- the international application as originally filed/furnished
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- the claims:
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- the drawings:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: B. G. Haskell et al., "Image and Video Coding - Emerging Standards and Beyond", IEEE Trans. On Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, Vol. 8, No. 7, Nov. 1998.
- D2: US 6057884 A (05/02/2000)
- D3: US 5619256 A (04/08/1997)

The present invention relates to a system and a method for broadcasting MPEG-4 based stereoscopic video data on the Internet, characterized by comprising a stereoscopic video encoding means/step, a display mode control means/step through a Web server, and a streaming means/step in which a left-eye field and a right-eye field in the stereoscopic encoder are mapped into multiple temporally scaled layers in the temporal scalable coding, and additionally using Real-time transport Protocol (RTP) for media streaming.

The document D1 relates to a video streaming over the Internet, where the streaming system handling the compressed multimedia information comprises a client, a server, and a data network (i.e., Internet). Especially, RTP is used for streaming as described in a MPEG-4 system standard and an IETF RFP (Request for Proposal).

The document D2 provides a temporal scaling method of video images including video object planes (VOPs).

The document D3 discloses a 3D/stereoscopic video encoding method applying right and left views respectively to base and enhancement layers for temporal scalable coding in a MPEG-2 video standard.

While the documents D1-D3 disclose the methods for encoding stereoscopic video data using temporal scalability and streaming the compressed multimedia information using a MPEG-4 system standard and a RTP, a multimedia information service through interactive communication between a server and a client over the Internet and a Web server (back channel control) is not presented. Thus, the novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability of the subject matter claimed can be acknowledged under the documents D1-D3.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

While the interaction between a streaming server and the Internet using a Web server is shown in the description of the present invention, the usage of the Web server for controlling back channel is unclear.